PHILADELPHIA MAY GO 'DRY' BY DANIELS' ORDER

Citizens See Threat in Fos-· dick Report of Vice Conditions.

WORRIED POLITICIANS

Temporary Cleanups of Past Will Not Be Tolerated by Navy Department.

From a Staff Correspondent.
PHILADELPHIA, April 4.—Unless Philadelphia cleans house Secretary Daniels may take his pen in hand and make this city of 1,500,000 people "dry"hotels, restaurants, clubs and everything - just as last month he dealcoholised naval training stations under the authority given him by the selective ser-

That is the real threat discerned by

sone, among the country's big cities, had failed to protect American soldiers and sailors from viciously avil influences. The comparatively mild intimation that sailors on liberty might be forbidien to enter the city suggests a sufficiently serious picture to the thousands of persons who in legitimate and illegitimate ways profit by the presence of the bluejackets. But it is a fair vision compared with the prospect of teetotalism suddenly thrust upon Philadelphia as punishment for her looseness of the past and as guaranty of future decency for the period of the war. And even more obnoxious, to the minds of citisens who would welcome prohibition with a glad cry, is the thought that Philadelphia would stand before the country as a great city so persistently and helplessly svil that Uncle Sam had to step in and reform her.

Rockefeller, Jr., and made a two years study of police and vice conditions and wrote a book when he returned. Last year he became chairman of the Government's Commission on Training Camp Activities, whose purpose is not only to guard young men against contamination, but to do a constructive work in providing for them wholesome environment and amusement. His inquiry into Philadelphia conditions continued for about nine weeks. As he had to use uniformed men as investigators he had three sailors assigned to him by the Navy Department.

In his report to Secretary Daniels, made public on Sunday, Mr. Foedick said that sailors and marines in Philadelphia are constantly subjected to the temptations of the social evil and illegal liquor traffic. He said that in the last six months many futile attempts had been made to get action through the

Government Means Business.

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The contractor-politicians who continue to run Philadelphia as they please, while reformers come and go, are really worried. They know that the Government, weary of warnings and promises, means business this time. They know that the Government, weary of warnings and promises, means business this time. They know that the conditions of vice, grog selling and police corruption are about as painted in the Fosdick report, despite its absurdities in some details. They have instantly started an investigation which has two purposes: one to discredit the report before the city and the nation so far as possible; the other to raise the city to the standard demanded by the Secretary of the Navy. Already several police lieutenants and patrolmen have been suspended by order of Mayor Thomas B. Smith, and others undoubtedly will be.

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In the last two years there have been cleanups comparable to this one, with hundreds of loudly trumpeted arrests, followed by lapses to approximately the old situation when that portion of the public which has not lost interest in "reform" seemed to have been properly appeased. But now the city administration cannot afford to be recognification. on cannot afford to be spasmodic in well doing. It must satisfy not the Philadelphia public, which is notoriously indifferent to any lawlessness short of brass knuckles personally applied, but the Federal Government, and it must leep on satisfying the Government until the end of the war. The period of mere warning has passed. The Government seems to be weary of beseeching Phila-delphia to do its own purging.

Raids by United States Agents. As long ago as July 9 last year Sectiatry Daniels said that "moral conditions in Philadelphia are not what they should be from the naval standpoint," and in the following month there were thinds, not by the city authorities, but by sonts of the Department of Justice. Since then, while the Fosdick investigators have been at work, repeated hints have been received that Washington would be pleased if Philadelphia would take it upon herself to correct her faults. take it upon herself to correct her faults.
Mayor Smith truthfully says that Mayor Smith truthfully says that there have been many arrests by his men since that time, but impartial wittesses do not support him when he goes further and asserts, as he did to a Sun reporter, "that Philadelphia is the cleanest big city in the country," and that "on any night one may see far more wimen of the street on certain afreets in New York." He was on firmer ground when he smoke of the great transient. when he spoke of the great transient solution that has been drawn to Philasliphia and nearby territory by war acties and the difficulty of keeping in unds their appetites and the avarice of those who prey upon them. But the fact is that the conditions to which Mr. Foredick so hotly objects, while intensified since the city became a great war totre, are really constant in Philadel-lia and are inevitable under the sort political rule which the city has tolerated for ever so many years.

"Corrupt and Contented."

Echind them lies the old sordid story that Lincoln Steffens told when he coined the phrase, "Philadelphia, corrupt and contented." The actors have changed a nee then, but the alliance between politics and crime, and public indifference to its manifestations, is of exactly the same kind. Philadelphia is no worse than it was; it is probably better. In 1887 there were 5.773 licensed saloons; the number has been reduced to 1,890, sithough the population has increased. athough the population has increased by \$90,000 in the interval. The propor-tion of persons who subsist on evil is probably less than it was fifteen or twenty years ago notwithstanding the enticement of the presence of the thou-sands of sailors, soldiers, shipbuilders

ands of sallors, soldiers, shipbullders and munition workers who go to the city for their recreation.

This is one of the things that must be said in fairness to Philadelphis, but it does not set aside the fact that the blistering accusations of the Fosdick report are substantially true, nor does it excuse the good people of Philadelphis for the manner in which they have received the disclosures. It naturally hurts for the manner in which they have received the disclosures. It naturally hurts
then to be held up to the nation as most
lax among big cities in the protection
of American fighting youth, but instead
of demanding that a plague which they
know exists be wiped out instantly they
are protesting that the report is "exasserated," that the fair name of the
city has been impugned, that Mr. Daniels
and Mr. Fosdick must be shown that
they are wrong, that Philadelphia is as
awest and clean as can be, and so on.
In other words, the good people of
Philadelphia are playing into the hands
of politicians as usual, and as usual the
politicians are extolling their judgment
and laughing at them at the same time.
And this, by the way, is the city where
a Boliceman was murdered on primary
day has fall. a policeman was murdered on primary day last fail by a gunman imported by politicians. That killing, the arrest of Mayor Smith on a charge of conspiracy to murder, his exoneration of this charge and his subsequent indictment on charges of contempt of court and conspiracy to violate the election law gave

a finablight of political methods which, an outsider might think, would cause a political revolution even in cynical Philadelphia. But it didn't. Right now the only issue in the fight for mastery in the May primary, which will nominate candidates for State office, is which of the good old "gangs" will win, politicly called the "Penrose wing" and the "Vare wing."

The district known as the Tenderloin roughly speaking, lies between Seventh and Pifteenth, Arch and Master streets, and includes some highly respectable residential streets. Commercialised vice is widely scattered, however, and there has been a considerable influx of "dis-

is widely scattered, however, and there has been a considerable influx of "disorderly women" and their keepers and runners with the expansion of activities at the League Island Navai Station, the Schuylkill Arsenal, the Quartermaster's depot, the Hog Island shipyard and various munition factories. For some time there was complaint that liquor was sold to men in uniform both openly in saloons and by "bootleggers." Neil Bonner, president of the Retail Liquor Dealers Association, did much Liquor Dealers Association, did much to meet this by causing the members of the association to agree not to sell "pints" and "half pints." This put many bootleggers out of business. It became prety hard to get a drink except at a bar, and the prohibition against the sale of intoxicants to men in uniform in barrooms was pretty generally ob-served. But meanwhile drink flowed freely in the so-called disorderly houses, their patronage was greatly increased, and as their very existence was unlaw-Newport, Annapolis, Hampton Roads ful, a little matter like selling boose to and five other communities by drawing soldiers and sailors did not cause a five mile prohibition circle around twinge.

Foodick Made Inquiry. Raymond B. Fordick was Commis That is the real threat discrined by Philadelphians in the Fondick report, published last Monday, wherein the chairman of the Government's Commission on Training Camp Activities told Secretary Daniels that Philadelphia Rockefeller, Jr., and made a two years

six months many futile attempts had been made to get action through the local authorities. He gave a list of thir-

These houses are run so openly and our investigations have been so comprehensive and long extended that it can state without hesitation that they enjoy protection, for which money is paid to police officers."

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of his investigators had been solicted as many as eight times in one night by them.

Liquor Easily Obtained.

"Liquor is easily obtained by men in the service. The licensed dealers do not appear to make the sales directly, but exercise no care in preventing bootleg-ging. In spite of the efforts of the De-partment of Justice this illegal traffic is increasing. The local police make no effort whatever to stamp it out. On the contrary, their action in many spe-cific cases indicates that they comive

"As has been intimated above, the local police force is not only inefficient but is corrupt. Their (the investigators)

fenders, but that the Government forces were too meagre to police all vicious parts of the city, Mr. Fosdick said the Navy Department and the Department of Justice ought not to be called upon for work of that kind. He added:
"Particularly in a time like this it would seem as if our fighting forces

are entitled to every protection against victous influences which local authorities

ticable in municipalities in every part of the country. Philadelphia alone

"It would, of course be possible to put Philadelphia out of bounds for men on liberty. This step, however, would involve great hardship on the men in

Mayor Smith keenly felt the sting of this official outgiving. He is a well meaning, amiable man (a good business man, too, for the bonding company of which he is president), who as a politi-cal and administrative figure is in the clutch of forces far more potent than he. He immediately said that if the Foedick report was true it indicted not the city but the Smith administration, and if Mr. but the Smith administration, and it may be sufficient to justify prosecutions he, the Mayor, would guarantee that every person involved would be prosecuted. At the same time he scouted the idea that anybody identified with the administration could have

a wholly clean city as long as men are men and women are women."

It remained for Edwin S. Vare, Republican contractor boss of Philadel-phia and Mayor Smith's mentor, to voice phia and Mayor Smith's mentor, to vote the political suspicion at which Mr. Smith had hinted. He said that Mr. Fosdick had been helped in the report by anti-Smith, anti-Vare ex-Directors of Safety George D. Porter and Robert B. Dripps. Ninety-five per cent. untrue, was Senator Vare's analysis of the report. He said:

"There is undoubtedly some vice in this big city of 2,000,000 seople with its recent addition of many thousands of new marines and sallors and a new population of more than 20,000 mechanics and workmen brought here by the Hog

the Navy Daniels of having lent themselves to the Penrose side in the mob scene which is Philadelphia politics, Mr. Vare subsided for the time. To-day he was quite wary when THE SUN reporter

"Fosdick report? Vice situation? Don "Fosdick report? Vice situation? Den't know anything about 'em. The authori-ties will take care of that," was all he permitted himself to say. The words, if not the manner, reminded one strangely of Charles F. Murphy and his favorite saying: "The organizataion will decide."

Police Set at Work

sive and long extended that clean state without hesitation that they enjoy protection, for which money is paid to police officers."

He said that virtually every woman who walked the streets for purposes of solicitation had upon her list one or more cheap rooming houses for a room in which the housekeeper usually collected a fee of \$1. He said there was no evidence that the local police had made any attempts to repress this form of vice. He continued:

"Literally hundreds of street walkers patrol Market street and the other main thoroughfares of the city nightly. These women make use of the rooming houses mentioned above and many others, and are entirely unmolested by the police. Colored prostitutes in South Philadelphia are especially brazen in solicting Mr. Vare went to see the Mayor

said:
"Philadelphia to-day hangs its head in sailora

Male proprietors of the women not only secured custom for them but acted can continent where Uncle Sam's boys should be safe, this city ought to stand out in the forefront. With a Mayor of his investigators had been solicted as raking in bonding fees and boasting that the criticism attached thereto is good advertising; with the blood of a faith-ful policeman on our escutcheon, and with the reinstatement of various policemen who had previously been dismis from the service for offenses ranging from assault and battery to rape and burglary, what is to be expected from Senator Vare except denunciation of those who are trying to right rotten conditions? However, those who now control Philadelphia are not interested in fighting the Huns and all that they stand for-their interest is in bor garbage and street cleaning contracts— what is the wellbeing of a soldier or sailor to a few shekels of filthy lucre? "Can't you hear the gang's familiar refrain: 'What the hell do we care."

but is corrupt. Their (the investigators) daily reports contain instance after instance of action on the part of the police officers which has prevented the enforcement of the law against prostitution and bootlegging. In practically every house of prostitution visited our investigators were informed by the madames thereof that they paid weekly sums to the police for protection and that liquor could be purchased in the house. Many street walkers stated that the payment of a weekly sum to the police was necessary in order that they might ply their trade unmolested."

Pointing out that United States Attorney Kane had prosecuted many offenders, but that the Government forces were too meagre to police all vicious parts of the city, Mr. Fosdick said the Navy Department and the Department of Justice und had prosecuted many offenders, but that the Government forces were too meagre to police all vicious parts of the city, Mr. Fosdick said the Navy Department and the Department of Justice und that from 7 P. M. to 4 A. M. no enlisted man was allowed to cross a dead line into the zone between Arch. and that from the solution of the solution of the solution and the solution of the solut only provide.

"That such protection can be provided has been demonstrated to be practicable in municipalities in every part of the country. Philadelphia alone among the large cities of the United States has failed to meet the require-

"It would, of course, be possible to put Philadelphia out of bounds for men on liberty. This step, however, would involve great hardship on the men in the service, and we are unwilling to recommend it for your consideration if there is any possible alternative. However, unless the local authorities assume the responsibility which is legally theirs and effectively rid the city of those who prey upon our men I can see no other way out of the difficulty."

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been empty for four or five years.

Other apparent mistakes were even more absurd. In a Fairmount avenue house listed by Mr. Fosdick dwell peacefully a school teacher and her sister, a stenographer, both of the highest reputation. An address given in Callowhill street is a vacant lot. Another on Fairmount avenue is none other than the John Hancock Public School. In another house that was on the list lives the sister of the paying teller of a Market street bank.

tified with the administration could have connived with disorderly persons or liquor sellers. Further, he said darkly: "I believe I know who is responsible for this matter coming up at this time. We are on the eve of a primary election and the publication of such a report, true or false, would influence some people who do not wait to get facts."

Mayor Calls City Cleas.

Later the Mayor spoke of his pride in Philadelphia's cleanliness. It was better than most, he said, "but you can't have a wholly clean city as long as men are graphic and that it is not believed more
than one or two such cases exist. He
added that the report submitted to Secretary Daniels did not purport to be
complete, but simply presented a few
typical cases from a large list located
exclusively by agents of this commission, none of whom is or has been a
resident of Philadelphia. He said the
report showed that conditions had not
improved since last July, when Secretary Daniels asked Gov. Brumbaugh
and Mayor Smith, as he did this week,
to better them.

Having caused the suspension of at out of disorderly houses. That system his action had nothing to do with the is not a cure, but it drove many of the offenders out of Philadelphia.

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class are conditions so intolerable.

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The Mayor's reference to complaints that have been in the Director of Public Safety's office for five years is a paipable hit at George D. Porter. The Varehit at George D. Porter. The Vare-Smith crowd suspect Porter of having given Mr. Fosdick a lot of "old dope" from the days of his service as Safety Director. On the other hand, Portgr and his friends wonder if the Vare-Smiths, in "cooperating" with the Fos-dick investigators, didn't furnish them most solemnly with addresses which they knew were those of John Hancock schools and bankers' sisters, so that the report would be discredited when it apreport would be discredited when it ap-peared. These Philadelphians certainly

of the Fordick report.

Porter Kept Hands Off. "The fact is." Mr. Porter told THE SUN man, "that I haven't seen Mr. Fos-dick since I left City Hall two years dick since I left City Hall two years ago. I have only seen one Foedick investigator, who came to my office for advice to guide him in his work. I purposely had nothing to do with the investigation or the report. I kept no records of my administration as Director of Public Safety and furnished no information whatever. That is the fact.

"The attempt of the Vare crowd to tel "The attempt of the Vare crowd to tell the world that this city is being maligned is laughable. All you've got to do is to walk down the street any night and see for yourself. A week ago a friend and I took a walk and in the course of a few blocks were accosted at least fifty times. Conditions are much worse than they used to be.

"The things this city stands for! I can't explain its long record of supinecan't explain its long record of supineness on any other ground than that
this country was settled by Quakers
and Pennsylvania Dutch—pacifists, who
won't fight, but stand and say: 'Let
the good Lord do it.' When I was
in office I never said I could eradicate
the social evil, but I did say I could
minimize it. I established the 'red Having caused the suspension of at light district quarantine, with a police least two police lieutenants and several man on every block to keep people uniformed men Mayor Smith says that but of disorderly houses. That system the action had nothing to do with the

workmen brought here by the Hog Island and other shipbuilding and industrial plants. It is natural that the new industrial conditions would bring women of questionable character, but when you consider the sudden changes that has come to this city, it is probably the cleanest in the country."

The people knew what was going on said Mr. Vare. He had been looking for just such a thing. A similar report was sent out last August before the primary, he reminded his flock, and another primary is coming in May. Having thus accused Mr. Fosdick and Secretary of the Navy Daniels of having lent themselves to the Penrose side in the mob

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conditions such as are here, regardless of the accuracy of the Fordick report, cannot exist without collusion of poli-ticians and police." mission on Training Camp Activities, of which Raymond B. Fosdick is chairman, are in this city making an exhaustive in-Both branches of the City Council quiry into vice conditions as they affect the morality of enlisted men. The pres-ence of the investigators gave rise yes-terday to a number of rumors regarding passed to-day a resolution calling upon the Philadelphia delegation in Congress to ascertain the source and authenticity The resolution said the report con-tained addresses of houses claimed to be of questionable character which upon investigation were found to be the homes

investigation were found to be the homes of reputable persons, that the entire report was apparently made for the purpose of defaming the city and holding it up to the scorn of the nation without regard for the truth of the assertions and that many blunders were discovered to prove the report "most vicious, outrageous and worthless."

Side court on a charge of white slavery and conducting a disorderly house. The arrest was made by a detective from Po-lice Inspector Henry's staff, who entered the hotel with two coldiers and hired a room, where he says he was robbed by

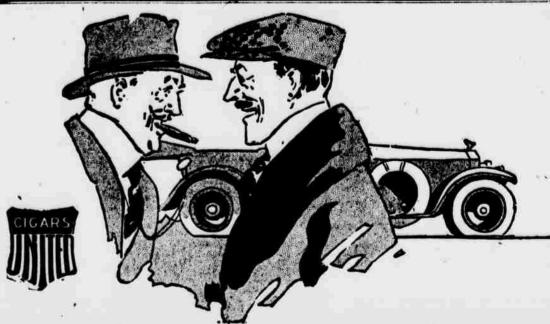
room, where he says he was robbed by a girl,
Inspector Henry denied yesterday that any information had been turned over to him by the Fosdick committee. The arrest of the hotel clerk, he said, was made on the initiative of the detective. The latter, he said, first picked up the two soldiers for desertion and then decided to use them in his efforts to obtain information at the hotel.

"The story that the lid has been lifted

ence of the investigators gave rise yesterday to a number of rummors regarding their findings. It was stated on good authority that they had reported a lifting of the lid in this city since January 1.

Another story was that the investigators had turned over to the police information to the effect that solders and to being robbed by women. To this information was attributed the arrest yesterday of James Dunham, clerk in a hotel in West Forty-seventh street, who was held by Magistrate Boyle in the West information at the hotel.

"The story that the lid has been lifted from the Tenderion is untrue." said Inspector Henry. "I don't know of a single disorderly place in the whole Fourth inspection district. Of course there are a number of questionable women walking the streets, but it is almost impossible for policemen to arrest them. I cannot recall having heard of a single case in which a soldier or sailor was robbed by a woman. The city never has been so tight shut as it is now, and it is going to remain in that condition, or I'm going to resign from the police force."



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